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LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF GERMANY, FRANCE, ITALY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to draw your attention to the text, in French and English, of a declaration on the former Yugoslavia adopted by the European Union at a meeting of the European Council held on 6 February 1995 (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English, French]

Declaration dated 6 February 1995 by the European Union on the former Yugoslavia

The European Union reiterates its attachment to the conclusion of an overall resolution of the conflicts in the former Yugoslavia guaranteeing the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States within their internationally recognized borders.

Stressing in this connection the importance which it places on the mutual recognition of the States which have emerged from the former Yugoslavia, the European Union endorses the plan to hold a meeting to that end between presidents Tudjman, Izetbegović and Milosević. Such a summit could pave the way to an international conference to deal with all matters relating to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia in line with the peace plan.

The European Union recalls that its representatives at the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia put forward, together with the United States of America and the Russian Federation, a plan for a political solution in Croatian territory under United Nations protection. The Union supports this plan and calls upon the parties concerned to begin negotiations as quickly as possible on the basis of this reasonable and balanced plan.

Lastly, the European Union reaffirms its conviction that the ongoing presence of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Croatia is of capital importance for peace and security in the region.